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JANUARY CATTLE REPORT



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This report contains the survey results from the January 1 Cattle Survey conducted during the first half of January 2004. Approximately 1,300 cattle operators in Arkansas were contacted and data for cattle inventory as of January 1, 2004 were collected for the estimates. The survey data are also posted on the Arkansas Statistical Service web site at the internet address above, and more detailed U.S. data at <http://www.usda.gov/nass/>. Thanks to all who responded to the questionnaire and interview for the survey.

ARKANSAS JANUARY 1 CATTLE INVENTORY UP 3 PERCENT

All cattle and calves in Arkansas as of January 1, 2004, totaled 1.90 million head, 3 percent above the 1.85 million on January 1, 2003 and up 4 percent from the 1.82 million two years ago.

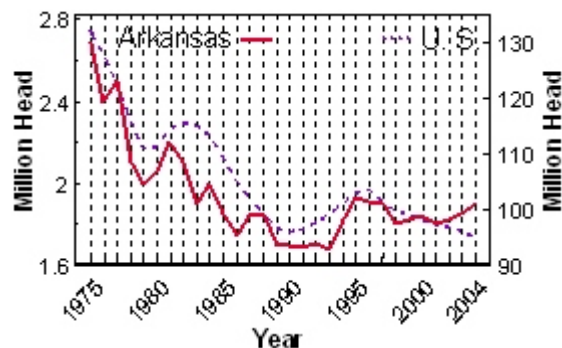
All cows and heifers that have calved, at 1.01 million head, were up 3 percent from January 2003; **beef cows**, at 982,000 head, up 3 percent; and **milk cows**, at 28,000 head, down 10 percent.

CATTLE AND CALVES: NUMBER BY CLASS, ARKANSAS AND U. S., JANUARY 1, 2003 - 2004

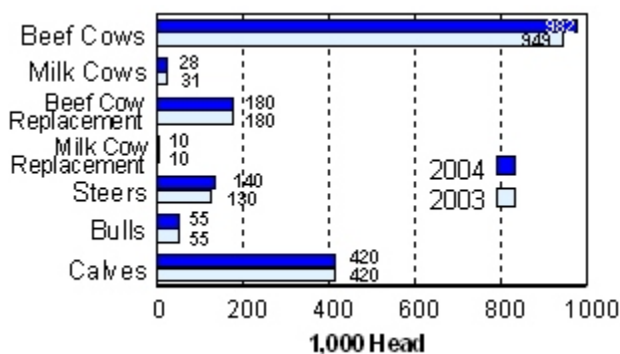
Class	ARKANSAS			UNITED STATES		
	2003	2004	% Chg.	2003	2004	% Chg.
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>
All Cattle and Calves	1,850	1,900	+ 3	96,100.0	94,882.0	-1
All Cows and Heifers That Have Calved	980	1,010	+ 3	42,125.0	41,850.8	-1
Beef Cows That Have Calved	949	982	+ 3	32,983.3	32,860.3	0
Milk Cows That Have Calved	31	28	-10	9,141.7	8,990.5	-2
All Heifers 500 pounds and over	265	275	+ 4	19,627.9	19,341.3	-1
For Beef Cow Replacement Heifers	180	180	0	5,623.5	5,517.2	-2
For Milk Cow Replacement Heifers	10	10	0	4,113.9	4,020.0	-2
Other Heifers	75	85	+ 13	9,890.5	9,804.1	-1
Steers 500 Pounds and Over	130	140	+ 8	16,554.1	16,280.1	-2
Bulls 500 Pounds and Over	55	55	0	2,247.9	2,205.6	-2
Calves Under 500 Pounds	420	420	0	15,545.1	15,204.2	-2
Cattle and Calves on Feed 1/	15	10	+ 33	13,219.8	13,810.9	+ 4
	2002	2003	% Chg.	2002	2003	% Chg.
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Calf Crop During Year	850	860	+ 1	38,223.7	37,902.8	-1

1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. Cattle and calves on feed are included in the cattle inventory estimates by classes.

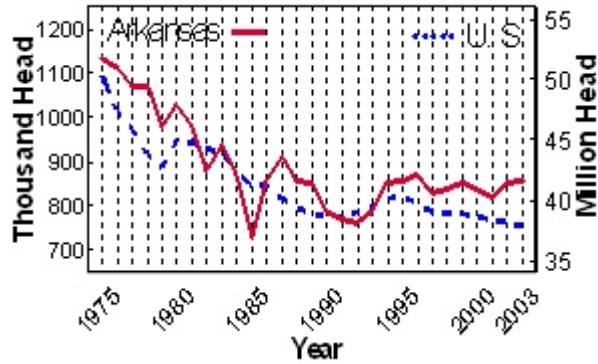
Cattle Inventory, January 1
Arkansas and U. S., 1975-2004



Cattle Inventory by Class, January 1
Arkansas, 2003-2004



**Annual Calf Crop
Arkansas and U.S., 1975-2003**



**Leading States in Calf Crop
2002-2003**

2003 Rank and State		2002	2003	% Chg.
		<i>Million Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>
1	Texas	5.00	5.10	+ 2
2	Missouri	2.09	2.08	0
3	California	2.04	2.05	0
4	Oklahoma	1.93	1.89	-2
5	Nebraska	1.82	1.77	-3
6	S. Dakota	1.84	1.73	-6
7	Kansas	1.51	1.55	+ 3
8	Montana	1.52	1.54	+ 1
9	Wisconsin	1.35	1.35	0
10	Iowa	1.11	1.12	+ 1

**Leading States in Cattle and Calf Inventory
January 1, 2003-2004**

2004 Rank and State		2003	2004	% Change
		<i>Million Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>
1	Texas	14.00	13.90	-1
2	Kansas	6.35	6.65	+ 5
3	Nebraska	6.20	6.25	+ 1
4	California	5.25	5.20	-1
5	Oklahoma	5.40	5.10	-6
6	Missouri	4.50	4.35	-3
7	S. Dakota	3.70	3.65	-1
8	Iowa	3.55	3.45	-3
9	Wisconsin	3.35	3.35	0
10	Colorado	2.65	2.40	-9
10	Minnesota	2.45	2.40	-2
10	Montana	2.45	2.40	-2

**U. S. Balance Sheet, Cattle and Calves
January 1 - June 30, 2002-2003**

Item	2002	2003
<i>Million Head</i>		
January 1 Inventory	96.7	96.1
Calf Crop and Imports	29.1	28.7
Total Supply ¹	125.8	124.8
Slaughter	18.1	18.4
Deaths and Exports	2.5	2.4
Total Disappearance ¹	20.7	20.8
Residual ¹	0	-0.1
July 1 Inventory	105.1	103.9

¹Totals may not add due to rounding.

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